

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 2 on page 2 of Applicant's specification with the following clarified paragraph:

A1 For practicing such the copy protection with certainty, an encryption technology is very effective. Contents or information of video and audio to be recorded into the storage medium is encrypted, while a key for encryption is supplied only to a licensee, thereby enabling to make the reproduction of the storage medium which was produced illegally impossible or disabled. ~~unable~~.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 12 on page 5 of Applicant's specification with the following clarified paragraph:

A2 Further, according to the present invention, there is also provided the reproduction apparatus as defined in the above, further including: a medium and format deciding means for deciding a kind from a plurality of storage mediums and a recording format thereof, wherein said encryption detection means detects whether the data on said medium is encrypted or not in accordance with an encryption system which is predetermined for each of the kinds of said plurality of storage mediums and the

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recording format thereon, and, said reproduction restricting means stops reproduction of the video or audio information when any of the copy management information is detected upon detection result by said watermark detection means, in case that the video and audio information is not coded in accordance with an encryption system which is predetermined for each of the kinds of said plurality of storage mediums and the recording format thereon.
